

May 31, 2013

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular meeting of May 28, 2013, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., May 31, 2013.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Vest moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters; and a closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to possible litigation. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Flood	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 5:31 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, and Assistant City Manager Warner.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

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On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Rush, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilwoman Flood	absent
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei declared a five minute recess.

City Manager Kolakowski said there was a request to have Outside Agency Funding revisited.

Vice Mayor Vest said his motion at the budget workshop, which was defeated, was to add \$5,000 to the Main Street organization and \$1,000 to the Wharton Foundation.

As Councilman Flood was absent, Mayor Wandrei asked that this be on the agenda with the adoption of the budget.

The City Manager spoke about the reasons for an increase in the Finance Department budget. He also explained reasons for contracting out custodial services for the public buildings and parks.

The City Manager reported that changes in the budget amount to \$8,900 to the good.

City Manager Kolakowski said that the real estate tax rate is proposed at thirty cents.

Councilman Rush proposed a twenty-seven cents tax increase and explained the reasons for the proposal.

Vice Mayor Vest said the tax rate is already being lowered by six cents.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed tax rate.

The City Manager said the tax rate will be voted on at the June 11 meeting.

Mayor Wandrei stated Council will revisit Outside Agencies funding and the proposed tax rate at the June 11 meeting.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.